

FEBRUARY 7, 1845.

Read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. R. SMITH, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, reported  
the following bill :

**A BILL**

For the relief of the heirs of Philip R. Rice.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3   the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, authorized  
4   and required to pay to the legal heirs of Philip R. Rice, late  
5   of Kentucky, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise  
6   appropriated, the sum of twenty-two hundred dollars, in payment  
7   for a vessel called the Madame Taylor, owned by the said Rice,  
8   and pressed into the service of the United States during the rev-  
9   olutionary war, and alleged to have been destroyed by the enemy  
10  while in the service of the United States : *Provided, however,*  
11  That the Secretary of the Treasury, before making payment as  
12  aforesaid, shall be first satisfied, by sufficient proof, that the said  
13  vessel was pressed into the service of the United States and de-  
14  stroyed, as alleged, and has not been paid for.